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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shuji Sasaki et al.

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Serial No.: 10/037,293

Group Art Unit No.: 2152

Filing Date: December 21, 2001

For: Settlement Processing Method and
Settlement Processing System

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents (A1-A2) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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REFERENCE DESIGNATION			U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
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	A1	5,280,625	01/18/1994	Howarter et al.		

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